

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please amend claim 1 as follows:

~~Claims~~ Claim 1 (Currently Amended): A component part for a fuel battery comprising:

a pair of separator plates which are arranged in parallel to and facing each other in a state of having with opposed contact surfaces,

at least one of the separator plates defining a gap between the contact surfaces thereof opposing to each other located at a peripheral edge on at least opposite side edges of the separator plates, said gap forming a gasket groove; and

a gasket arranged in a located in said gasket groove, which is provided in one or both of said separator plates, and said gasket being glued to each of both said separator plates,

wherein said gasket is being made of an elastic body;

said elastic body is formed on one of said separator plates by means of a dispenser method or a screen printing method;

an initial height h of said elastic body is set to be being 105% to 130% of a groove gap d₂ of said gasket groove;

opposite surfaces of said elastic body are being adhered to said separator plates through adhesives; and

~~when assembling the fuel battery cell, said separator plates are being compressed so that said contact surfaces of said separator plates are closely contacted with contact each other, and said elastic body is being compressed in said gasket groove so that a height h of said elastic body is equal to the groove gap d_2 , thereby forming a gasket having a low reaction force in said gasket groove,~~

said contact surfaces of said separator plates being directly contacted across an entire width of the separator plates and between said gasket groove on said opposite side edges.

Claim 2 (Cancelled)

Claim 3 (Withdrawn) A method for assembling a component part for a fuel battery comprising the steps of:

arranging a pair of separator plates in parallel to each other in a state of having a gap between contact surfaces thereof opposing to each other; and arranging a gasket in a gasket groove, which is provided in one or both of said separator plates, and gluing the gasket to each of both said separator plates, wherein said gasket is made of an elastic body;

forming said elastic body on one of said separator plates by means of a dispenser method or a screen printing method;

setting an initial height h of said elastic body to be 105% to 130% of a groove gap d_2 of said gasket groove;

adhering opposite surfaces of said elastic body to said separator plates through adhesives; and

when assembling the fuel battery cell, compressing said separator plates so that said contact surfaces of said separator plates are closely contacted with each other, then compressing said elastic body in said gasket groove so that a height h of said elastic body is equal to the groove gap d_2 , thereby forming a gasket having a low reaction force in said gasket groove.